

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Employees Provident Fund (EPF) account in medium and small enterprise sectors are being maintained properly in the country particularly in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the industries from Orissa particularly Kalahandi-Bolangir-Koraput region that have defaulted in the same; and
- (d) the remedial steps taken by the Government as per provisions of the Labour Laws?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): The accounts of the Employees' Provident Fund are maintained in such form as prescribed by the Government in consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India and audited by the Comptroller and Auditor – General of India.

Out of 375 establishments covered in the Kalahandi, Bolangir, Koraput region of Orissa, 34 have defaulted in remittance of dues.

(d): On detection of default by an establishment, action is taken under section 7A of the Employees' Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 for assessment of dues. Subsequently recovery of dues is effected in accordance with provisions of the Act. This includes - attachments of bank accounts, movable and immovable property, arrest of defaulters, etc.